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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of an claim of the subject application, Applicants also wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that SEQ ID NO:1 and the corresponding cDNA clone of the captioned application are related to SEQ ID NO:7647 in copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/196,362.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C. F. R §§ 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be considered during the prosecution of this application.

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The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425 for any fee which may be required in connection with this submission. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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